

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 9, and 12-23 were pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 4 have essentially been rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 4. Claims 1, 3, and 21-23 have been canceled without prejudice (in addition to previously canceled claims 8, 10, and 11) and new claims 24-28 have been added. Support for new claims 24-26 may be found in original claims 8, 10, and 11, and support for new claims 27 and 28 may be found throughout the present application. Therefore, claims 2, 4-7, 9, 12-20, and 24-28 are now pending in the present application.

Drawings

New corrected drawings are required by the PTO. Replacement drawings meeting PTO requirements are attached.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner Devore is sincerely thanked for indicating that claims 2, 4-7, 9, 12, 13, and 15-20 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2 and 4 have essentially been rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections

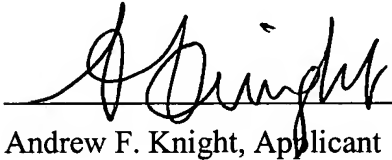
Claims 1, 3, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,942,902 to Pajala et al. (hereinafter "Pajala"). Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled, and claim 14 made dependent from allowable claim 4, thus mooted these rejections.

Conclusion and Fees

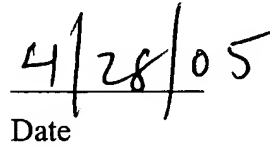
Because Applicant has paid for 20 claims and 3 independent claims, and because there are now 20 claims and 3 independent claims pending, Applicant believes that no fee

is due. Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have been resolved, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If Examiner Devore believes that a telephone conference will further prosecution of the present case, he is invited to contact Applicant at the number indicated below.

Respectfully,



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